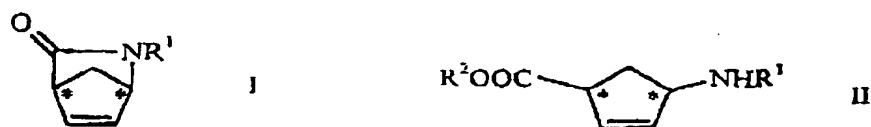
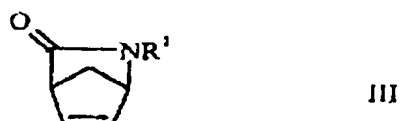


Summary

A biotechnological method is described for preparing compounds of the general formulas



wherein R^1 is acyl or acyloxy and R^2 is a hydrogen atom or C_{1-10} alkyl, comprising the conversion of a lactam of the general formula



by means of a hydrolase in the presence of a nucleophile and in the presence of a base in a constant pH range.

Also described is the subsequent conversion of the compound of general formula I into the optically active 1-amino-4-(hydroxymethyl)-2-cyclopentene of the formula

